



# Crop Progress and Condition

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## Idaho

The statewide temperatures in Idaho for the month of December were normal to above average throughout the state. Some storm activity picked up in the latter part of December. Much of that moisture fell as rain in northern, south central, and southwestern Idaho. No concerns were reported in northern Idaho at this point. Winter wheat cover looked adequate for surviving adverse conditions. Considerable moisture fell in the form of rain over the last couple of weeks of the month. Southwestern Idaho reported good hay availability and excellent calving conditions. South central Idaho also reported mild December weather. Some reporters expressed initial concerns over the lack of major storm activity in the mountain areas. Larger snowpack levels are needed to build snowpack for summer irrigation. The good news was there was also very little moisture or cold weather to adversely affect livestock in the area. Southeastern Idaho also reported a mild month with less snow on the valley floor. This allowed some grass-fed cattle producers to keep the animals out on pasture for most of the month without having to supplement their diet with hay. Very little snow was reported in Bannock and Bingham Counties. In Fremont and Oneida Counties, snow was reported covering several fields and pastures. Hay and straw was readily available for livestock producers.

## Oregon

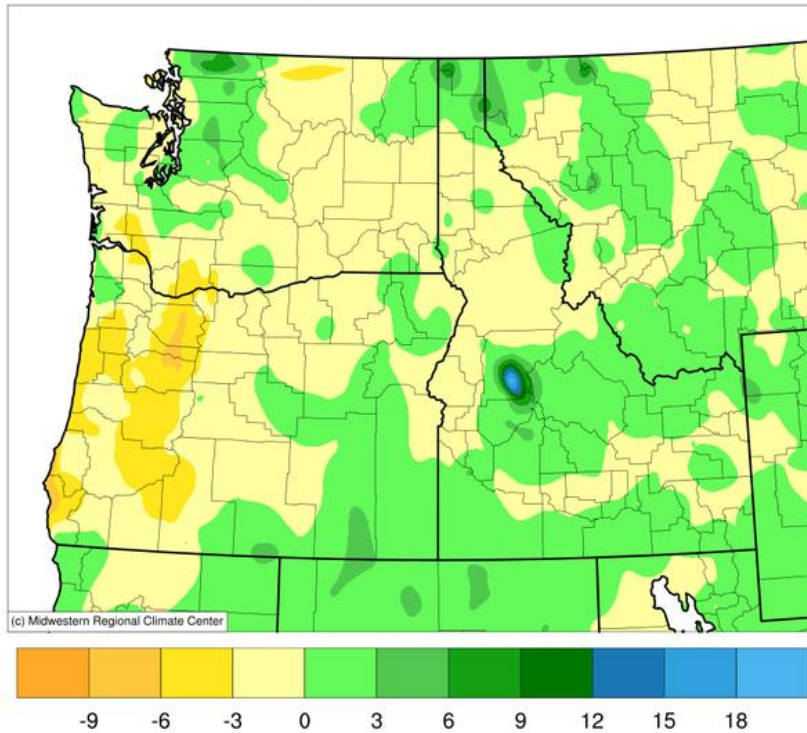
The statewide temperatures in Oregon for the month of December were normal to above average throughout the state. Some major storm activity reported in late December arrived with high winds and heavy rainfall. Several flood watches and warnings were reported along the northern and central coasts of Oregon. Despite the heavy rainfall, much of the western half of Oregon was below average for cumulative precipitation in December. Most of the moisture received in December fell as rain. This weather combination resulted in some initial concerns over the level of snowpack in the Oregon Mountains at this point in the season. The mild weather was great for calving. Hay was readily available for livestock producers throughout Oregon. No major concerns were reported for crop producers at this point. Most operations had sufficient work windows to complete winter preparations and fieldwork in early December. Many operations focused on machinery repair and some final orchard and vineyard maintenance.

## Washington

The recent wet weather patterns around the Puget Sound helped soil moisture, penetrating the dry layers from autumn. These rains refreshed the soils and reduced fire danger. The last few days of December brought wind. Most livestock were moved to higher ground or heavy-use areas. Orchards and berry plantings were pruned. CSA operations have continued production for winter hardy vegetables. Snohomish County had flooding over Christmas week. The ground was completely saturated and there were reports of washout and erosion from the extensive rain. Yakima County received 1.2 inches of precipitation during December. No snow accumulated. The coldest nighttime temperature was 16 degrees Fahrenheit. All fruit trees were sufficiently cold tolerant and little damage occurred. Winter pruning of grape vineyards and fruit trees continued at a steady pace. Stevens County was very mild. Daytime temperatures averaged 36 degrees Fahrenheit while nighttime temperatures dipped to 27 degrees Fahrenheit. Total snow accumulation was 5.5 inches for the month of December. Ferry and Okanogan Counties had colder temperatures at the beginning of the month, then trended towards above-average temperatures at the end of the month. The Palouse had a mild December. Whitman County had saturated soils. Winter wheat, winter legumes, and rangeland were in good condition.

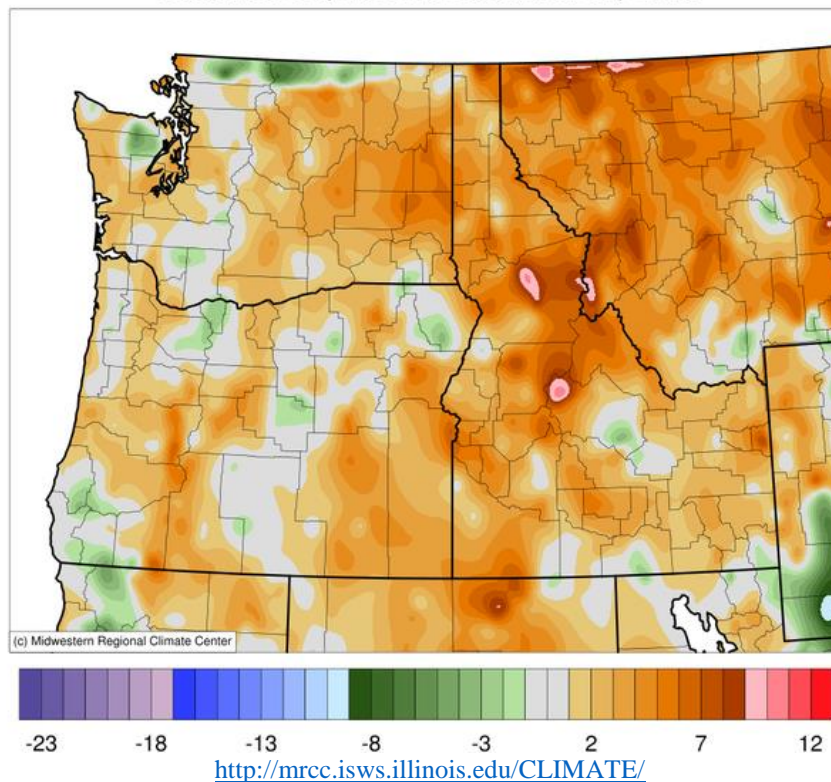
**Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals**

December 01, 2019 to December 31, 2019



**Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals**

December 01, 2019 to December 31, 2019



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